



## WIG CLUB

**M**EETS at Fortune's on Tuesday the 10th current, when it is expected all the Members in or about the town will attend. **GENERAL STUART** in the Chair. Dinner at four o'clock.

## AERIAL EXCURSION.

**M**R LUNARDI will ascend on Monday next from Heriot's Garden, Edinburgh, wind and weather permitting. His experiment will be very interesting, and of a nature totally different from any that has yet been tried by other Aeronauts. The object will be most beautiful to the spectators; especially to those who are in the Garden, and have a near view of him at the moment of ascension.

Tickets of admission into Heriot's Garden, to be had at Mr Creech's bookeller, and at his own lodgings, Walker's Hotel, New Town, at Three Shillings each.

On Friday or Saturday, if fine weather, Mr Lunardi will fill the new machine with inflammable air, in order to try its rising power; and, according to its levity, will allow it to ascend in the atmosphere to the same distance from the ground that he intends to have it from his car, when he himself ascends.

The experiment will be made in Heriot's Garden, exactly at one o'clock afternoon. Admittance to see the Experiment only One Shilling; and all who have tickets for Monday will be admitted gratis.

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## DUNN'S

## TWELVE SUBSCRIPTION ASSEMBLIES.

**JAMES DUNN**, with his most respectful thanks to the Nobility and Gentry for favours formerly received, takes this method of informing them, that upon Tuesday the 3d of January 1786, he intends to OPEN his Assembly Room upon the following plan, which he humbly hopes will be agreeable to the Public.

Each Gentleman's subscription ticket to be two guineas, with twelve tickets transferable only to Gentlemen. The Lady's one guinea, with twelve tickets transferable only to Ladies, and each of these transferable tickets to pay three shillings at admittance; but the subscription tickets not transferable.

Mr Dunn humbly hopes, that such Ladies who mean to countenance him will honour the Assembly with their presence the first night, for the purpose of appointing twelve Ladies for directing each Assembly in turn, who may, upon their own rights, make choice of what Gentlemen they please to assist them.

N. B. The Assemblies are to be held upon TUESDAYS weekly.

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N. B. As his house is large and well aired, he has good accommodation for BOARDERS, whose parlours and bed-rooms are entirely disconnected from the school, having separate doors from one another, and in opposite parts of the house; the parlours fronting the High Street, with bed-rooms adjoining them; the school entering by another door in the back part of the house, viewing the New Town and Frith of Forth.

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## DUNN'S ASSEMBLY ROOMS.

*By desire of several Ladies of Distinction,*  
**M**ISS ROSSIGNOLI, Teacher of Dancing, is to have a Ball at Dunn's Rooms, on Thursday the 15th current, where the propriety to dance a Plain Graceful Minute, a Minuet A-la-Cour, and other A-la-Mode Dances, which she teaches at the ordinary rates—in order that the Parents of Children who intrust them to her care, may have an opportunity to judge of her way and method of dancing.

Tickets to be had at her own house in Warriston's Close, at Messrs. Cori and Sutherland, and all the other music shops, and at Dunn's Hotel, at Three Shillings each.

To begin at Seven o'clock.

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## ATTORNEY TAX.

Edinburgh, 13th December, 1785.

**T**HE Society of Solicitors at Law having this day met and taken under consideration the act of Parliament imposing a Tax upon Attorneys, &c. and the processes raised before the Courts in Scotland, were unanimously of opinion, that the said tax is partial and severe; and they appointed Delegates to attend the General Meeting of Delegates from the different counties of Scotland, to be held on the 23d current, in order to consider of what measures may be proposed for a repeal thereof, and appointed this their resolution to be published in the Edinburgh News papers.

## HOUSE AND FARM OF CAMPEND,

TO LET.

**T**HE HOUSE, OFFICE-HOUSES, GARDEN, and FARM of Campend, consisting of about 48 Scotch Acres, lying on the great road leading from Edinburgh to Dalkeith, within a mile or so of the farm, as presently possessed by Mr Richmond.

For particulars enquire at Mr Richmond, the present occupier, or Mr Alves at Dalkeith.

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To be LET on a lease of nineteen years, from Whitunday next, the whole Lands and Estate of LYNAGER, well known for their fertility of soil, and beauty of situation. The lessee must find caution for the regular payment of his rents in Edinburgh, within three months after falling due.

Proposals, in that the offerers will please to condescend on their sureties, to be given in any time betwixt and 15th January next, to Mr Alex. McDougall of the Exchequer, Allan McDougall, or James Horne, writers to the signet, at Edinburgh; or to James Calder, Esq; Collector of Excise at Pennyland, near Wick; and such as are not accepted of, shall be kept secret, if desired.

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N. B. REDSIDE, containing about 300 acres fenced with stone dykes, and also Primrose Old Inclosures, are to be let and entered to immediately, for pasture or tillage.

Inquire of Mr Young writer, West Bow, Edinburgh, or of Mr Clarke of Summerfield farm, near Dalkeith.

## SALE OF HOUSES.

**T**O be SOLD by public roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouse of Edinburgh, upon Friday the 23d day of December current, betwixt the hours of five and six o'clock afternoon.

**LOT I. A TENEMENT** of Land at the head of Hamilton's Close, south side of the Grass-market, being the second well from the entry to Heriot's Hospital, consisting of two shops and three storeys above, without any burden of the roof, with the back land adjoining, and two stables within the close.

**LOT II. A HOUSE**, being the third or uppermost in the land lately built in the foot of Warriston's Close, with a large cellar in the court fitted up with catacombs. This house consists of six rooms, kitchen, and other conveniences, and having two floors within itself, possessed by Francis Strachan writer to the signet.

**LOT III. A TENEMENT** of three Houses, and a high House, with a house or cellar built separate therefrom, lying in Roxburgh's Close, north side of the Luckenbooths, possessed by Mr Tweedie and others.

**LOT IV. A HOUSE** in James's Court, being the fifth storey of the eastern entry, possessed by Mr Cameron writer, with a large cellar within the court possessed by the scavengers of James's Court. This house is insured in the Edinburgh Friendly Insurance Office, and the premium paid, so that it yields an annual sum of 10 per cent.

The subjects will be shown every lawful day from twelve to two o'clock. The rental and progress of the above subjects, with the articles of roup, are in the hands of Francis Strachan writer to the signet, who will treat with any person for a private bargain, for all or any of the above lots, betwixt and the day of sale.

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## NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of ROBERT SCOTT, late in Skelf-hill, in the county of Roxburgh.

**T**HE Trustees for these Creditors require them to meet by themselves, or doers properly authorized, within the house of Michael Stevenson Inn-keeper in Hawick, on Wednesday the 25th day of January 1786, at twelve o'clock noon, when a state of the bankrupt's funds, so far as have come to the knowledge of the Trustees since the former dividend was made, will be laid before the meeting, in order to a final distribution.





St. James's, Dec. 9.

THIS day the Right Honourable William Eden, was, by his Majesty's command, added to the Committee for the consideration of all matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations.

The King has been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable William Eden to be his Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at the Court of France, for negotiating commercial arrangements.

War-Office, Dec. 10. 1785.

3d Regiment of dragoons, Surgeon David McNair, of the 12th regiment of foot, is appointed to be Surgeon, vice Richard Woodthorp.

10th Regiment of light dragoons, Adjutant Peter Shadwell to be Cornet, vice Lord Viscount Falkland.

15th Regiment of light dragoons, Nathaniel Ogle, Gent. to be Cornet, vice Henry Ellison. William Hinton, Gent. to be Adjutant, vice A. George Smyth.

12th Regiment of foot, Surgeon Robert Wightman, of the late Cinque Ports battalion, to be Surgeon, vice David McNair.

17th Regiment of foot, Lieutenant Henry Hamilton to be Captain of a company, vice Robert Clayton. Ensign R. Thatcher. Coare to be Lieutenant, vice Henry Hamilton. Lieutenant James Stovin to be Adjutant, vice Henry Hamilton.

27th Regiment of foot, Surgeon William Stafford, on half-pay in the Maryland Loyalists, to be Surgeon, vice John Hadfield.

30th Regiment of foot, Ensign Walter Barry, on half-pay in the 30th regiment, to be Ensign, vice William Geekie.

44th Regiment of foot, Ensign Alexander Forbes to be Lieutenant, vice William Hartley. George Johnston, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Alexander Forbes.

65th Regiment of foot, Surgeon Lawrence Scott Wilson, on half-pay in the 89th regiment, to be Surgeon, vice Edward M'Alister.

100th Regiment of foot, Captain-Lieutenant John Le Couture to be Captain of a company, vice John Moore. Lieutenant Daniel Seddon to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice John Le Couture. Cornet Lord Viscount Falkland, of the 10th regiment of dragoons, to be Lieutenant, vice Daniel Seddon. Ensign Lord Dungarvon, of the 2d regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice Ronald Cameron. Lieutenant William Hartley, of the 44th regiment, to be Captain of a company, vice Benjamin Hill.

101st Regiment of foot, Cornet Francis Mathew, from the 18th regiment of dragoons, to be Lieutenant, vice F. Briffett.

Robert Glasgow, late Hospital Mate in the West Indies, to be Surgeon to the Forces in the island of St. Vincent, vice West Hill.

William Hughes, Esq. to be Deputy Commissary of Mustfers, vice Thomas Sadlier.

### LLOYD'S LIST, Dec. 9.

Bombay, Aug. 1. The Chesterfield was at Batavia in February, unloading, and preparing to leave down. The Alfred and Royal Admiral have been dispatched to Canton. The Lord Camden arrived at Anjengo from Bengal the 11th of March, and failed the next day for Mocha.

The Deptford, Jerrard, was off the Cape of Good Hope the 9th of July, all well.

The Harmony, Wright, from Hull to London, was on Wednesday night run down by a collier, in Half-way Reach, and is entirely under water; the ship and cargo will be saved.

The Endraght, Steir, from Dantzick to Cadix, is put into Cowes very leaky, laden with wheat.

The Favourite, Fowler, arrived in Scarborough Road from Pillaw, put into Blinford in Norway, from whence she failed the 30th ult. in company with about twelve sail, of which the Mentor, Stevenson, and Elizabeth, Wharton, were a part.

The Hope, Gibson, from Antigua to Virginia, foundered.

### From the JAMAICA GAZETTE.

On the 27th Sept. advice was received at Dominica, from St. Pierre, in Martinique. "That the lower streets of the town were totally washed away with the sea, and every vessel in the harbour drive on shore, several of them Americans." Information had come from Barbadoes, mentioning, that the most part of the shipping at Spikes had been destroyed by the gale. They likewise had intelligence from St. Kitt's, that it was the general belief of the planters in that island, that four-fifths of their crops were totally destroyed. It is also imagined, that the devastations of the hurricane had been general through the islands.

We are affixed by a gentleman of veracity, who left Charlestown in August last, that very great dissensions had taken place among all ranks of the people; they were carried so far, that, our informant says, the province is divided in twain. A new Governor has been appointed by the back settlers, at Ninety-six, who dignifies himself with the title of Governor at Arms, and has issued several writs for the confiscation of property in that State: A house divided against itself can never stand.

### LONDON, Dec. 10.

Yesterday Col. Joseph, one of the Indian Chiefs belonging to the Six Nations, was at the levee at St. James's, and had an audience of the King, being introduced by Sir Frederick Haldimand.

The Duke and Duchesses of Devonshire, the Earls of Carlisle and Dartmouth, Lord Viscount Stormont, and several others of the minority lords, together with all the Ministers, except the Lord Chancellor, were at the Drawing-room on Thursday, to offer their compliments of condolence on the death of the Queen's brother.

Mr Eden has not only the salary of an ambassador, which is 6000 l. a year, but he has also a service of plate, which makes his establishment 10,000 l. for the first year.

Yesterday morning Mr Alderman Skinner, with several of the principal merchants of this city, waited on the Chancellor of the Exchequer, on the business of a commutary proposition for the repeal of the shop-tax.

It is now confidently asserted, that Lord Mansfield intends very soon to retire; and that Lord Loughborough will succeed him as Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench.

It is now reported, and generally believed, that the defection of Mr Eden is not the only one that Opposition has to deplore. Three other political enemies of the Minister are said to be actually mediating a secession from the party of Opposition, in consequence of overtures having been made to them from persons in power. The persons alluded to are the Lords C—, S—, and L—. We are assured that an offer has been made to the last noble Peer of a translation from the Common Pleas to the King's Bench, whenever a vacancy shall happen there, which it is supposed will be accepted. Mr Eden's assent to the offer made to him of an appointment for settling a commercial treaty with France, seems to be a prelude to the translation of Lord Carlisle, his political patron, from Opposition to the Court; and by Lord Stormont's change, it may be easily ascertained how his noble uncle stands affected to the Minister; it being very improbable that the noble Viscount would take any step that might disoblige the noble Earl his uncle, from whom he has infinitely more to expect than from the Court. By this revolution in the politics of the leading Oppositionists in the upper House, the Minister has nothing more to apprehend from that quarter; as there remain to lead

opposition there, only Lord Westworth-Fitzwilliam, and Lord Derby.

### St. James's Chron.

The Duke of Dorset is said to be detained in town by a negotiation, not for settling commercial of any other treaties for the state, but for a new dignity for himself; he has laid claim to the blue ribbon vacant by the death of the late Landgrave of Hesse; and insists upon the performance of a promise made in his favour on that head, to his uncle the late Lord Sackville.

A thousand pounds reward is said to be offered in Holland for a person (a Major in the Dutch forces) who has been lost in a balloon. A dog also, which was let down at the same time in a parachute, is reported to have been carried away by the wind and to have disappeared.

The improvement of the Scots fisheries will certainly occupy a considerable part of the next session of Parliament; besides the report of Dr Anderson, who was employed by Government to make a survey of the coasts of Scotland, Mr Dempster is preparing a large volume of information on the subject.

The late Duchesse of Holstein was daughter to Prince Frederick of Wirtemberg, and sister to the Grand Duchesse of Russia; she was only twenty years of age, but of uncommon accomplishments, for which she was indebted to the education she received from her illustrious mother, the Princess of Schweidnitz, niece to the King of Prussia.

Yesterday orders were sent down to every sea port not to suffer any ships from Alicante, Malaga, &c. to come into port, or land any of their cargoes, until they have performed a regular quarantine.

According to private advices from Brest, the French had forty-one ships of the line at that port on the 1st inst. the guardships were as follow:

Guns		Monf. Admiral du Barras	
Royal Louis	110	Chef de Port, Capitaine du	
L'Anguste	80	Cohilone	
La Zele	74	Comte de Arbisfe	
Le Marcellin	74	Chevalier Preville	
Le Sceptre	74	De Fauberienne	
Le Scipion	74	Chevalier Marignie	
Le Souverain	74	De la Varesienh	
L'Artisien	64	De le Helose	
Le Hardi	64	De Cohillane	
Le Vengeance	64	De Trulli	
Le Mercure	64	Chevalier Tome	
		De Toti	

The following were all the ships in ordinary of the line.

L'Invincible	110	Le Bien Aime	74
Le Bretagne	110	Le Diademe	74
Le Majestueux	110	Le Bonegogne	74
La Couronne	80	Le Glorieux	74
La Palmier	74	La Zele	74
Le Magnifique	74	Le Hercule	74
Le Heros	74	La Sphynx	64
La Guerrier	74	La Vengeur	64
Le Dauphine	74	L'Aimable	64
Le Proteleur	74	Le Millefium	64
Le Citoyen	74	Le Prince	64
Les Deux Freres	74	Le Lion	64
Le Savoyard	74	Le Bouillard	64
Le Cesar	74	La Provence	64
Le Fendant	74	La Rome	64

An action having been brought by the Earl of Salisbury and his Countess, against the Printer of the Morning Herald, for having published in that paper, in December 1784, several scandalous libels against the Countess, the same was tried on Monday the 5th instant, before Lord Mansfield and a Special Jury, when, to the great satisfaction of all the noblemen and gentlemen present, the Jury found a verdict for the plaintiffs, and 500 l. damages.

Tuesday, died suddenly, in his tap-room, the master of the King's-head public-house, in Swinton-street, Battlebridge. Upon being informed of her husband's death, the mistress of the above house, who had been some days indisposed, was so shocked, that she expired suddenly, and without uttering a word.

The cause of Henderson's death has never yet been stated with tolerable accuracy.

Mr Cruikshank, Dr Hunter's successor, was the anatomist who inspected the body, and his report is as follows:—The liver was entirely undiseased; the lungs were in perfect health; the brain had no extravasation, nor preternatural appearance. His stomach was almost preternaturally strong. His heart was the only part of the system which failed; his heart was literally broken, that is, it had lost its customary firmness of tone; it is by far the stoutest muscle in the human body; and the leading vessels were all ossified, or ossifying. "In short, (said Mr Cruikshank's report) if I had not known Mr Henderson, and seen his teeth, his face, and his hair, I should have supposed, from his heart, that his age had been ninety."

PRICE OF STOCKS, Dec. 10.		WIND AT DEAL, Dec. 8. S. W.	
Bank Stock, 140 1/2			
5 per cent. Ann. Div. 107 1/2			
opening.			
4 per cent. Ann. 177 1/2			
3 per cent. con. 72 1/2			
3 per cent. red. 69 1/2			
3 per cent. 172 1/2			
Long Ann. 21 1/2			
Short Ann. 177 1/2			
South Sea Stock,			
3 per cent. Old Ann. 67 1/2			
a 1/2			
Ditto New Ann. —			

### EDINBURGH.

Extract of a letter from London, Dec. 10.

"While our Minister is doing every thing that can be done for the support of public credit, our neighbours, the French, who are seldom found behind hand with any rival power, in matters of improvement, whether it respects their politics, arts, or sciences, are indefatigable in endeavouring to keep pace with us. Every necessary step has been taken to put their fleet in a condition to combat with us the superiority of the sea upon any future war taking place; and the Minister at the head of finance has largely suggested a mode of filling the public coffers, that will produce an annual saving of more than two millions of livres, besides several other improvements of no small magnitude in the department he holds.

"There is a talk amongst our politicians, of an intention of sending out one of the branches of the Royal Family to the East Indies, and that a motion will be made the ensuing session of Parliament, to address his Majesty on that head. It

is pretty confidently said, that the matter has lately been the subject of conversation within the Royal palace. However this may be, the idea is far from being a new one, it having been mentioned, and strongly recommended, a session or two ago, by a very respectable member, (Mr Dempster) though the House did not seem much to give into it.

"The report of Lord Macartney being on his passage to England, as apocryphal by East India people, who have no doubt of the noble Lord's being, before this time, fixed in the government of Bengal.

"The Ministry are said to be somewhat perplexed how to act with regard to a certain great oriental character. It is most undoubtedly true, that a patent, creating him a Peer, has been, some time past, ordered to be made out, and that his title is in consequence of a recommendation from a very particular quarter; but it is thought that there would be an awkwardness in sending him to the Upper House, while he may be arraigned in the Lower House: Some of the Ministry, on that account, think it would be best to have the latter business settled first, though a certain learned Lord is said to be for disregarding it, and bearing out the person to be ennobled against any charges that may be brought against him. During his absence from Europe, the learned Lord was his warm admirer and constant panegyrist, and was frequently heard to speak of him in the House of Lords, as "the greatest statesman and profoundest politician the world ever produced." With the support of such a man in the Lords, and the support of such a man as Mr D—s in the Commons, what can Mr — have to fear?

"The idea of an union with Ireland gains very much, and some people even go so far as to say, that some leading men of the Chamber of Commerce have been consulted on the great outlines of the measure.

"A strange phenomenon, in the political hemisphere, has lately presented itself, in the honour certain great personage has done a certain member of the Corps Diplomatique, once a proscribed rebel, in supping with him at his house. — But such are the vicissitudes in all human affairs!"

Yesterday, at a meeting of the Faculty of Advocates, the Right Hon. Henry Dundas, Treasurer of the Navy, resigned the office of Dean of the Faculty, on account of his other necessary avocations. He expressed his gratitude in an elegant speech, for the many favours conferred upon him by the Faculty. The Hon. Mr Erskine made a motion to thank Mr Dundas for the propriety and dignity of his conduct in that office, which was unanimously agreed to.

The estate of Bedlay, which lies within a few miles of Glasgow, was exposed to judicial sale on Monday last, in different lots, at the upset price of 19,459 l. 12 s. 8 d. being 24 years purchase of the free rent, and it sold at the price of 29,435 l. Sterling, being 9975 l. 7 s. 4 d. above the upset price. One of the lots was a superiority, giving a freehold qualification in Renfrewshire, which, though it pays only a very trifling feu-duty, sold at 400 l. Sterling.

Yesterday, Alexander Stewart, drover in Tomantoul, was committed to the tolbooth, by warrant of the Magistrates, on the complaint of Mess. Forsyth and Company, merchants in Hundly, for having discounted two bills with them, one for 40 l. and another for 100 l. which prove to be forgeries.

This day, Robert Martin and David Swanston were whipped through this city by the hands of the common executioner, pursuant to sentence of the Magistrates, and afterwards banished the city and liberties for life, under the usual restrictions.

Last week, a woman living in the Gallowgate, Aberdeen, attempted to put an end to her existence, by cutting her throat with a knife; but luckily having missed the windpipe, the wound was sewed up, and she will recover. She had lived for some years with a soldier, by whom she had several children; but his wife coming from England, and claiming her right of cohabitation, the unfortunate woman in a fit of rage attempted her own life.

On Saturday morning, between five and six o'clock, a workman, going to work, was knocked down in Tannery Street, Aberdeen, and robbed of his plaid. Same afternoon, two men and two women were taken up and imprisoned, for stealing goods from a shop.

We hear from Stranraer, that about ten days ago the mail from thence to Ballentrae, in Ayrshire, was robbed, and a considerable sum of money taken out of a letter. The Sheriff of Wigton took a precognition respecting the robbery, when it turned out that the post-boy was the robber, who has since been committed to Stranraer jail, and a considerable part of the money is recovered.

Price of the best oatmeal in Edinburgh market, eleven-pence halfpenny the peck—second fort ten-pence halfpenny—third fort ten-pence;—pease and barley-meal, the best fort, eight-pence halfpenny—second fort eight-pence.—Potatoes five-pence.

The ship Countess of Sutherland, Smith, from Elbing for Liverpool, was yesterday put up to Leith Roads, with several others. She failed from the Sound, with the Leith, Clouston, and Catharine and Peggy, Dowie.

The Peggy of Kirkcaldy, William Bell master, from Memel, is lost on the point of Sandhammer Reef.

The Elizabeth, Beveridge, from Memel, is arrived at Kirkcaldy.

The Neptune, Stein, from Pillaw, is arrived at Kilbagie.

The Diligence, Johnston, from St Petersburg, is arrived at Grangemouth.

The Betsey and Bruce, Simpson, from Gottenburgh, is arrived at Grangemouth.

The Venus, Normand, from Memel, is arrived in Leith Roads.

The Amity, Bridges, from Memel, is arrived at Dunbar.

The Margaret, Oliphant, from Hamburg, is arrived at Kirkcaldy.

On Monday se'ennight the sloop Ann, Captain Robb, of Garlieston, from Liverpool to the Clone, in Galloway, was totally lost within two leagues of that place, with the whole of the cargo, consisting of sugar and drying stuffs, and four of the crew perished. The Captain, and a young boy, son of Mr Dunsmuir, in Garlieston, the owner of the vessel, were saved.

We hear, that on the same day a brig was observed coming round the Mull of Galloway, supposed to be full of cattle, from Ireland, in great distress, and soon after went to the bottom with the whole crew, supposed to be eight in number.

We likewise hear from the same place, that the 450 casks of brandy, lately seized out of a smuggling vessel on that coast, by the Pienn cutter, Captain Douglas, and lodged in the Ca-



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from-house there, was, by order of the Court of Exchequer, of the 28th November last, delivered up to the owners, in respect of the vessel having a clearance for North Faro, who, on receiving the brandy on board small boats, under pretence of re-shipping them on board their own vessel, on the other side of Loch-Ryan, relanded the same, without molestation, in the view of two tide-waiters, that same day, when it was instantly carried up the country in carts provided for the purpose. The vessel, we hear, is since seized at Campbellton.

Extract of a letter from Philadelphia, Oct. 5. 1785.

"Last week, Ralph Bowie, Esq; of Lincoln's-Inn, and late Secretary to the Protestant Committee in Scotland, was admitted to practise as Counsellor at the bar of the Supreme Courts of this State. By an act passed last year, four years residence was required before any person could be admitted to the bar; but an exception was made in favour of Mr Bowie, on account of his meritorious services to the cause of liberty in Scotland.—Dr Nisbet and his family are at Carlisle in good health.

Extract of a letter from Dublin, Dec. 3.

"Twenty-two of the thirty-two counties in Ireland, have avowed the most marked disapprobation of the Irish propositions; and it is thought not more than three will be silent, while even these three cannot be manoeuvred into an approbation of them."

Extract of a letter from Whitehaven, Dec. 7.

"It blew a very heavy gale of wind here yesterday afternoon, and during the whole of last night, from the W. S. W. About eleven o'clock a very awful scene took place: the bell-men were employed in giving notice that assistance was wanted at the quay; at that time it blew a mere hurricane, the sea ran very high, and several ships appeared off the harbour, endeavouring to enter it; seven or eight, it is said, were discovered passing to the northward, with lights up, as signals of distress. About half past eleven, it became so exceedingly dark, that nothing could be distinguished. The Fly packet from the Isle of Man, the Industry, Atkinson, and the Briton, M'Namara, only got in. Of the other vessels, amounting to thirty-three, which failed from hence on Sunday, no accounts have been received, but the following—The John and Mary, Greenhow, is on shore near Harrington; the Sally, Barnes, of Harrington, is entirely lost near the same place, and the master and his brother drowned; two other vessels (names not known) are said to be on shore.—The Worrel, Glaiter; Rodney, Gibson; and Fell, Greenwood, got into Douglas yesterday; and several were seen going into Ramslay-bay."

### SOUND SHIPPING.

PASSED THE SOUND,

Nov. 25. Lively of Dundee, Webster, from Dantzick, for Dundee, plank. Friends Increase of Carron, Wilson, from Konningberg, for Dundee, with oats, alhes, &c.

26. Jesse of Borrowstounness, Berry, from St Petersburg, for Borrowstounness, with tallow.

Mary and Margaret of Kennetpans, Carfwell, from Dantzick, for Kennetpans, with barley and staves.

Arrived and Remain,

26. Garland of Anstruther, Ballantyne, from Konningberg, for Anstruther, with oats.

Dec of ditto, Taylor, from ditto, for ditto, with ditto.

Ruby of Borrowstounness, Johnston, from ditto, for Rotterdam, 17c.

Wallace and Gardyne of Arbroath, Morrison, from Riga, for Arbroath, with flax.

Riga Merchant of ditto, Bower, from ditto, for ditto, with ditto.

Mathieson of Montrose, Jolly, from ditto, for Montrose, with ditto.

ELSMORE, 26th November 1785.—Wind S. W.

WALTER WOOD.

SAILED FROM GREENOCK—Dec. 10. Juno, Ritchie, for Charleston, with goods; Betty, Campbell, for Dublin, with ditto.

ARRIVED AT LEITH, December 13. Free Macon, Morrison, from St David's, with coals; Friendship, Miller, from Alloa, with coals.

SAILED LEITH Packet, Thomson, for London, with goods; and sundry small coasters.

To-morrow

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WITH NEW LISTS, AND AN IMPROVED KALENDAR, The CALCULATIONS, it is hoped, will be found accurate.—The Lists are copious, and corrected to the latest date possible; but as, after all, mistakes will happen, it is entreated notice will be sent to the printing-house when any is discovered, that it may be attended to.

With this Almanack is given, AN ELEGANT MAP OF THE CITY, CASTLE, AND SUBURBS OF EDINBURGH, Containing all the New Buildings and Streets, with a Section of the NEW SOUTH BRIDGE, at present building over the Cowgate.

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\* The Calculations of this Almanack have been particularly attended to, and great pains have been taken to render every list as exact as possible; but if any gentleman will be so obliging as point out an error or omission, it will be duly attended to.

FARMS IN FORFARSHIRE TO LET. TO be LET for such term of years as shall be agreed on, the following Farms of the Lands of SOUTHESK.

EAST CARCARY, consisting of about 230 Scotch acres, whereof two thirds good carle land, the other third rich black soil, all properly divided by drains, with a complete standing of houses.—The entry to this farm at Whitunday 1787.

EAST and WEST FITHIES in one farm, of about 300 acres; and EAST and WEST CLOAKS, also in one farm, of 150 acres, to be entered to at Whitunday 1786.

These two farms consist of good black dry land, and will be inclosed with stone dykes by the proprietor, who will give every other encouragement to good tenants.

For particulars apply to Mr Charles Greenhill, factor on the estate at Beleskar, near Arbroath.

would not allow such a defence to be set up before him as a legal one. The commitment, his Lordship, observed, stated a fact; for though there had been an accusation upon suspicion,

### DISTILLERY OF SCOTLAND.

IN consequence of Advertisements regarding the attendance of the entered Distillers this day and place, a full Meeting convened.

It was unanimously determined to lay the following matters before the Public, viz.

That it is in the remembrance of many persons, that this country was supplied with large quantities of corn spirits from London, &c.

That the Distillers of Scotland, availing themselves by degrees of their local advantages, have not only been enabled to supply North Britain with spirits of its own manufacture, but also to export to the metropolis.—In this progress, valuable improvements were made.—The business of distilling, in place of being confined to towns, was carried on in the country, and rendered subservient to the purposes of agriculture, and the rearing of cattle.—The profits of these branches, added to the low price of fuel, of labour and provisions, were found to give the trade a decided advantage over that carried on in the confinement of cities.

That ever since the combined Distillers of London have without ceasing employed themselves, their influence and their interest; both in public and private, to ruin and destroy the trade of Scotland, and have left no means untried for that purpose.

Prefuming, upon the amount of duties by them paid as a ground of favour with Government, they lately brought in bills to Parliament, complaining in express terms, that the Distillers of London were underfold in their own country, and proposing a number of restrictions and enactments, with the declared purpose of cutting off the trade of North Britain from that market.—That, though defeated in some of these attempts, it is a fact, for the truth of which, an appeal is made to every member of Parliament, that the late statutes for regulating the distillery of Great Britain were framed, in concert with, and by advice of the Distillers of London, and supported in the House of Commons by Distillers.

The sole object of the Scotch manufacturers was to be put upon an equal footing with those of South Britain; and for that purpose, they publicly offered to pay the duties of Excise by several methods, which excluded the possibility of fraud in either country, and put the distillery of Great Britain upon an equal footing.—For the truth of this also, they appeal to the members for Scotland; and that in particular, they offered again and again, to pay any sum the legislature should direct, upon the content of their still, by way of license for working the same, whereby it behoved the revenue of Government to be levied by a plain and simple rule.—This did not suit the Distillers of London; they preferred the present complicated expensive mode of Excise because it tended to secure a monopoly to themselves.

Notwithstanding all the advantages obtained over them by the late laws; and notwithstanding it is a certain fact, that the Distillers of Scotland cannot export a single gallon of spirits to England, or any where else, without previous payment of the full duties of Excise; and notwithstanding several most unjust and unfair attempts were made upon the private property of the traders of this country, the Scotch were enabled to maintain their share of the market.—This proved to be a disappointment to the Distillers of London, who had considered the late act of Parliament to be a prohibition against Scotland.

The next plan fallen upon, was to call upon the Scottish Board of Excise, to crush the trade of their own country.—The Gentlemen well knew what could be done in this way.—They had been unable to bear even the common and gentle execution of the Excise laws.—In a pamphlet, some years ago published by the London Distillers, they expressed themselves in these words: "Labouring under the shackles of Excise, a full stop is put to all improvement in the Distillery in England, the Distillers are restricted in every thing, time, place, mode, and utensils are all under the direction of the Excise; any trade subjected to the power of the Excise, is from that moment ruined and undone."

It is an indubitable truth, that the practice of the Scottish Board of Excise has at all times been more rigorous and severe than that of England. The surveys of the officers in the latter country never were so frequent; the common and known allowances to the trader were more liberal.

Before the 1st November 1784, no account or cheque was kept upon the stock of spirits of the Distiller of England, and permits were allowed them to any extent.

In Scotland, on the contrary, accounts and cheques were regularly kept, and permits only allowed in conformity to the stock as ascertained. Where differences appeared, or errors of any kind were suspected, seizures made, and actions in Exchequer and other courts immediately instituted. Nay, more, in order to vary matters to the utmost, hydrometers were introduced; and though these instruments had no authority from law, many seizures of property were made thereby, till a stop was put to the arbitrary measure, by a jury in Exchequer. All these things were suffered in this country; though it was very hard, that, under the same law, such a difference should have been made by means of their execution.

Of late, however, measures have been adopted, and orders given by the Board of Excise, alarming to free subjects, and ruinous to every trader who has the misfortune to be liable to such tyrannical powers. In speaking upon this subject, the Meeting think themselves entitled to use the language of a learned Judge, (Blackstone), who says, "That the rigour and arbitrary proceedings of Excise laws have been hardly compatible with the temper of a free nation." Vol. I. p. 318. In another place, mentioning the Commissioners of England, he says, "That though such usually has been their conduct, as seldom if ever to afford just grounds to complain of oppression, yet when we again consider the various and almost innumerable branches of this revenue which may be in their turns the subject of fraud, or at least complaints of fraud, and of course the object of this summary and arbitrary jurisdiction, we shall find, that the power of those officers of the Crown over the property of the people is increased to a very formidable height." Vol. IV. p. 281.

The people of this country will judge whether the conduct of our Commissioners at present be not downright insupportable oppression, when they are informed, that Excisemen, termed Expectants, are placed in the distilleries, to the number of two, three, and four, who relieve one another regularly, night and day, so that entire possession is taken by the Excise of their houses and works.

By these men, the work is surveyed every two hours. In the mean time, ordinary Gaugers, Supervisors, and General Surveyors, are four and six times a-day calling their Expectants to account, making separate surveys, interrupting the work, and opening their tuns, when in an improper condition to be opened, to the great loss of the Distiller.

Though thus in constant possession of the Distillery, other officers, with fire-arms, visit them at all hours of the night; and if the doors be accidentally shut, they are forced open by smiths hammers. For this purpose, Excisemen ride over the country, with assistants, having large hammers slung round them, and, upon that account, termed Fore-hammer Men. Many of these officers behave with insolence not to be borne; watch and carry off the methods of working; take plays of the houses and looms; openly declare their regret and disappointment, when they have nothing to find fault with; enter at windows, though their neighbours be already in the inside, and impudently tell proprietors, that their houses are not their own. This list of grievances is far short of truth; let every trader make the case his own.

The only satisfaction which the Board of Excise ever deigned to give to these complaints, is, that they issue no orders but such as are justifiable in law. This is not an answer; the traders can find no such laws. The Legislature of Great Britain never could intend that such practices should have existed; and, if the words of any laws can be overthrown, the execution of them, as the learned Judge already mentioned observes; is trusted to the conduct and discretion of Commissioners placed as impartial Judges between Government and the people. The revenues of Great Britain are not farmed as in France, because it is dreaded that the laws would be executed with literal unconstitutionality; and for this sole reason it is, that the public are at the expense of supporting the Revenue Boards.

No such practices do exist or would be suffered in England: It is hoped, therefore, that this nation will not look on with indifference.—If it shall be in the power of any set of men in the other end of the island, to bring about, by influence of any kind, such a difference in the execution of laws, it will be in vain for Scotland to insist for an equality in the words of these laws; and from the wide list of articles over which the powers of Excise are daily extending, it is evident that every attempt upon the part of this country may and will be quashed by the very same means.

The Meeting desire further to inform the Public, That seizures have of late actually been made in London, of quantities of goods of different kinds; and the only cause assigned was, that they came from Scotland.

As also, That trusting to the success of the plans before set forth, traders are already arrived in this country soliciting commissions for English spirits, and have actually applied to the dealers of Edinburgh and Glasgow, and procured orders accordingly.

Scotland has no right to complain of this, were it affected by fair means. The Distillers, the Brewers, and the other manufacturers here have allowed themselves to be supplanted in their own country ever since the Union of the kingdoms, without a murmur upon their part; far less did it even enter into their imaginations to complain (as the London Distillers did) to the Parliament of Great Britain.

The Meeting in the next place, declares it as their opinion, that the intention of all the oppressions complained of was the ruin of the Scottish Distillery; and not the suppression of smuggling. It is known to the public, that at no preceding period was the smuggling of foreign spirit of all sorts arrived to such a height. Private unlicensed stills likewise are known to be working, of the size of 200 gallons, without any notice, in several of the counties around. Several Distillers present declare, that they prefer the disposing of their malt to small unentered stills, than to manufacture it themselves, and have accordingly given up their former business.

In these circumstances, when the entered Distiller pays the duties, he cannot possibly draw them back from the public. He is excited by Government without being protected, underfold and supplanted by smugglers foreign and domestic.

The Meeting are sorry to conclude their observations by mentioning, that other causes have coincided with these above noticed to bring about the wrongs they complain of. The seizure of foreign spirits, as the law stands, brings no advantage to the officers of the revenue, but the oppressions by fines and forfeitures for the least deviation from the numberless infirming regulations for the manufacture of home-made-spirits, continue to be a source of emolument.

These things considered, the Meeting unanimously determined to join in a body for their own defence, and made several resolutions for that purpose.

Amongst other things, it was agreed with one consent, that the best, most equal, and fairest method of levying a revenue upon spirits, would be by an imposition upon the contents of every working still to be paid annually.—That, by this means the whole trade would be put upon an equal footing, and the duties of Government levied with ease and certainty.—That the business of Excise Officers, in place of checking the industry, and interrupting the employment of the fair trader, would be properly taken up in protecting the country from foreign smugglers, and suppressing unlicensed stills.

Messrs James Haig and John Aitchison represented to the Meeting, That after various communications with the London Distillers, in presence of several members of Parliament, they had concluded an agreement, which was reduced into writing in the following terms:

"In presence of Sir William Cunningham, Bart. Henry Beaufoy, Esq; Philip Mitcalfe, Esq; Messrs Smith and Payne, on behalf of the London Distillers, propose, that the equalizing duties to be paid upon corn spirits distilled in Scotland, upon licensed stills at 11. per gallon on the contents, shall, upon their importation into England, not exceed the sum of 1 s. 10 d. at the strength of one to ten over Hydrometer proof, and in proportion of the strength, is more or less.

"Mr James Haig for himself, and Mr Aitchison on behalf of himself and several Scotch Distillers, agree to pay One Shilling and Nine-pence per gallon.

"The difference of the Penny to be referred to the House of Commons, in case the parties do not agree with respect to this difference.—(Signed) Charles Smith, S. Payne, James Haig, John Aitchison."

That this agreement had been intended to be carried into execution by a bill in Parliament, had it not been prevented by certain posterior occurrences.

The Meeting having considered this agreement, they approved of the license-duty there mentioned, but were all of opinion, that the equalizing duty proposed to be paid upon spirits sent to England, was disproportionate and unreasonable; and declared, that they would not, nor could not consistently with the existence of the trade, pay more than Twenty Shillings per gallon in Scotland, and One Shilling and Four-pence upon exportation to England; and they recommended, that a particular account of every thing which happened in London respecting this business, should be published as soon as possible for the satisfaction of the landed interest of Scotland, and the traders themselves.

In the last place, the Meeting appointed John Aitchison Preses, James Brown, James and John Haig, Alexander Reid, William Young, to be a Committee, and any two of them to be a quorum, to meet with the gentlemen of the counties and give them the necessary information.

(Signed) JOHN AITCHISON, Preses.

Edinburgh, Dec. 13, 1785.

### MUSEUM.

College of Edinburgh, Dec. 8. 1785.

SOME time ago, a Subscription was opened, for the purpose of purchasing Mr Weir's Museum, in order to prevent its being dispersed, and to preserve it entire in the University of Edinburgh, for the use of the Public.

On the 8th of August last, at a Meeting of the Subscribers, the following Gentlemen were nominated as a Committee to treat with Mr Weir, and fix the price of his collection:—Lord Gardenston, Commissioner Smith, William Nairne, Esq; advocate, Patrick Miller Esq; banker, Dr Monro, and Dr Walker.

The Committee which met this day, finding the money hitherto subscribed, insufficient for the purpose; and being persuaded, that there are many gentlemen, especially the Bachelors of the College of Edinburgh, who, if properly informed, would contribute to a design, so evidently calculated for the good of the University, of the City, and of the Public; they therefore agreed to make this intimation, that subscription-papers are lodged in the banking houses of Mansfield, Ramsay, and Company; Sir William Forbes, Hunter, and Company, and at the shops of Mr Creech and Mr Balfour, booksellers in Edinburgh.

### SUBJECTS in the Town of Dalkeith for Sale.

TO be SOLD by public voluntary roup, upon Friday the 10th February 1786, within the house of William Hardie porter in Dalkeith.

That LARGE TENEMENT, back and fore, commonly called the OLD CROSS KEYS, lying on the north side of the street, the property of the said William Hardie, consisting of eleven fire-rooms, with stables, cellars, yards, and pertinents, extending backwards to the mill-head, the free yearly rent whereof is 20 l.

The above subjects are very fit for a public house, being in a central place of the town, and having free access from the street. The Gardens are pleasantly situated for building upon.

For particulars, application may be made to James Hay at Mr Thomas Tod's writing to the signet, George's Square, Edinburgh; and any person wishing to treat by private bargain, may apply to him, or to the said Mr Hardie, who will shew the premises.

### JUDICIAL SALE OF

A Park in the Burgh-roads of Dumfries, BY ADJOURNMENT.

TO be SOLD within the Parliament or New Session-house of Edinburgh, on Friday the 27th January 1786, between the hours of five and seven in the afternoon.

The following Lot, remaining unsold of the SUBJECTS that belonged to Robert McKie and Captain David Johnston her husband.

LOT II.

A PARK or INCLOSURE OF LAND in the Burgh-roads of Dumfries, in that part called Corrie's Hols, consisting of two acres or thereby.

The proven rental thereof, after all deductions, is 5 l. 3 s. 8 d. 12ths Sterling; and the proven value at twenty-four years purchase of that rent (which is appointed to be the upset price) is 124 l. 9 s. 4 d. Sterling.

These subjects hold burghage of the town of Dumfries, for payment of 3 s. 4 d. Scots yearly, for the first acre thereof, and performing burghage services used and wont, and are conveniently situated near the burgh of Dumfries.

The articles of roup and title-deeds, are to be seen in the office of Alexander Stevenson, depute-clerk of Session; and persons wanting further information, may apply to Hugh Corrie, writer to the signet, agent in the sale, or John Aiken, junior, writer in Dumfries, the factor.



## NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

THE Creditors of ALEXANDER and JOHN LEARMONTHS, merchants in Leith, did, on the 23d of November last, adjourn their meeting of that date, to Wednesday the 21st instant, in the Exchange Coffeehouse, at one o'clock afternoon—Of which notice is hereby given.

For LEIGHORN, and returns to Leith and Grangemouth,



### THE SWINTON,

DAVID BONNAR Master, Sails from Grangemouth about the 15th inst. and is expected to be at Leighorn in February next, where she will lay to for goods. Merchants and others, who intend shipping goods per this vessel, will please send their orders in time to their correspondents at Leighorn, or to Henry Swinton, Grangemouth, to go by the vessel.

The ANN, James Martin master, sails from Grangemouth about the 15th January next, to Leighorn.

For freight outward, apply as above. The ANN will call at Lisbon or Gibraltar, if a suitable freight offers.

### AT ROTTERDAM,

The SIX SISTERS, Alexander Thomson master, presently lying at Rotterdam, taking in goods for Leith, Alloa, and Grangemouth, and sails from thence amongst the first winter vessels.

For freight, apply as above, or to the master at Rotterdam.

### FOR JAMAICA,

### THE EUPHRATES,

JOHN CAMPBELL Master, Will certainly be clear to sail by the 20th December, and will touch at Port Maria, Montague Bay, Lucca, Savannah-la-Mar, and Black River.

### AND, THE ELISABETH,

JOHN FISH Master, Will be clear to sail by the 20th January, and will deliver goods at Montague Bay, Lucca, and Green Island.

The Euphrates and Elizabeth, are both British built vessels, and particularly fitted up for the accommodation of passengers, each vessel having a large cabin, and several state rooms.

For passage in the Euphrates, and freight or passage in the Elizabeth, apply to Somervell, Gordon, and Co. Glasgow, or the masters at Greenock.

### FOR HALIFAX,

### THE BRIG MARY,

(Burden about 160 Tons) Will be ready to take on board goods at Greenock by the 1st of January, and will be clear to sail by the 10th of February next.

The Mary is a fine fast-sailing vessel, and has excellent accommodation for passengers. For freight or passage apply to Alexander Warrand, Glasgow, or Morrison and Company, Greenock.



Morrison and Company have for sale a cargo of American Timber, consisting of oak, elm, beech, black birch, rock maple, a quantity of elm keel pieces, and masts from 15 to 30 inches thick; likewise a cargo of exceeding fine Newfoundland Cod Oil.

## LANDS IN AYRSHIRE,

### SHOPS AND HOUSES IN PRINCE'S STREET.

TO be SOLD by public roup in the Exchange Coffeehouse, on Wednesday the 18th January next, betwixt five and six o'clock afternoon.

The Lands of WILLOWYARDS, in the parish of Beith, and shire of Ayr, consisting of about 175 English acres of arable land, well inclosed and subdivided into fifteen fields, and let by one lease to three substantial tenants for 19 years at 150l. per annum.

This farm is pleasantly situated along the side of Kilburny Loch, which abounds with pike and perch. It is within half a mile of Beith, a post and market town, where extensive manufactures are carried on in silk, cotton, and linen. It is eight miles west of Paisley on the road to Irvine, and in the exact center between Paisley, Irvine, Kilmarnock, and Greenock. Upon this property there is a good house, and garden stocked with fruit trees, and an elegant court of offices newly erected.

A valuable Flag and Stone Quarry has been opened in the ground; and it is believed there are both coal and limestone in it, but both these articles are in such plenty, and so near indeed, that no essay has been made for them.

There are about ten acres of wood, and a good deal of timber on this farm; and thriving belts of planting surround the greatest part of it. The tenants are bound to preserve the planting and woods, which are fully fenced.

There will be sold, at the same time, THREE STOREYS of the CORNER HOUSE situated at the east end of Prince's Street, New Town, Edinburgh, in three lots.

The first lot is occupied by Mr Spottiswood as a Carron warehouse, and by Mr Walker as a hotel. The second lot, under the above, is occupied by David Smith grocer, and Alexander Smith upholsterer. The third lot is the front storey, occupied by Mr Comb as an oyster-house: It consists of five rooms and a kitchen, besides cellars under the pavement, which will be divided amongst the purchasers of the different lots.

The title-deeds of these several subjects, and the articles of roup, are in the hands of James Buchanan writer to the signet, who has power to conclude a private bargain previous to the day of sale.

### BY ADJOURNMENT.

### Judicial Sale of Lands, County of Caithness.

TO be SOLD within the Parliament or New Session House of Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 25th January 1786, between the hours of four and seven o'clock in the afternoon.

The following LANDS and ESTATE which belonged to the deceased George Sinclair of Stirock, either in whole, or in the two following lots, as offerers shall incline.

LOT I. The Lands of WEDDERCLETT and UPPER and NETHER HAUSTERS, with the teinds and pertinents thereof, lying within the parish of Wick and shire of Caithness.

The proven rent whereof, after all deductions, is 78l. 6s. 10d. 3-12ths Sterling; and the proven value of these lands, being twenty-one years purchase of said rent, is 1645l. 3s. 11d. 5-12ths Sterling. These lands of Wedderclett and Hausters hold of the Crown.

LOT II. The Lands of STIRROCK and MILL thereof, BLINGARY, HAUSQUOY, GRAYSTONES, and ACHAIRN, with the teinds and pertinents thereof, lying within the said parish of Wick and shire of Caithness.

The proven rent whereof, after all deductions, is 87l. 8s. 1d. 11-12ths Sterling; and the proven value of these lands, being twenty-one years purchase of said rent, is 1835l. 11s. 5d. 1-12th Sterling. These lands of Stirock and others hold feu of Mr Sinclair of Bannock, for payment of an yearly feu-duty of 4l. 6s. 2d. Scots.

The whole of this estate lies at a distance of about only from two to three English miles from the royal burgh of Wick; and from the moorlands on this estate, which are inexhaustible, the inhabitants of that burgh are in a great measure supplied with peats for firing. The lands themselves are of very considerable extent, and are capable of great improvement; and there is a great appearance of finding lime-stone upon these lands.

The articles of sale, and title-deeds of the different lands, may be seen at the office of Mr Keith Dunbar, depute clerk of Session; and copies of the proven rental may be got from William Sinclair writer to the signet, to whom persons desiring to be informed of further particulars may apply.

## Judicial Sale of Lands in the Shire of Dumfries.

### By ADJOURNMENT—UPSET PRICES REDUCED.

TO be SOLD, within the Parliament or New Session House of Edinburgh, on Friday the 27th day of January 1786, between the hours of four and six in the afternoon.

The Two Following LOTS remaining unfold, of the Lands and others which belonged to WILLIAM KIRKPATRICK of Conneath, merchant in Dumfries, viz.

LOT II. The Four Pound, Six Shilling, and Eight Penny Land of BALGRAY and BALGRAYWOOD, and teinds thereof, lying in the parish of Applegirth, and shire of Dumfries.

The proven rental thereof, after all deductions, is 139l. 12s. 9d. 4-12ths Sterling; and the proven value, at twenty-two years purchase of that rent, is 3072l. 1s. 1d. 4-12ths.

But, by authority of the Lords, the upset-price of this lot is reduced to 2792l. 15s. 6d. 8-12ths.

These lands hold of the Marquis of Annandale, for the yearly payment of 4l. 6s. 8d. Scots of feu duty; are pleasantly situated on the water of Drife, on which there are several acres of natural wood. And the purchaser may enter to the natural possession of them at Whit Sunday next.

LOT IV. The Lands of OVER GLENKILN and BLACK-CLEUGH LAMPHITS, and Two-Fifths of NETHER GLENKILN and teinds thereof, lying in the parish of Kirkmichael, and shire of Dumfries.

The proven rent of these lands, after all deductions, is 122l. 11s. 10d. 4-12ths; and the proven value, at twenty-two years purchase of that rent, is 2697l. 11d. 4-12ths.

But, by authority of the Lords, the upset-price of this lot is reduced to 2451l. 17s. 2d. 8-12ths.

These lands hold blench of the Crown, are considered as the best sheep-pasture, in that part of the country, and on which there is both natural wood and planting.

The articles of roup, and title-deeds are to be seen in the office of Alexander Stevenson, depute-clerk of Session. And persons wanting further information, may apply to Hugh Corrie writer to the signet, agent in the sale, or David Newall, writer in Dumfries, the factor.

## JUDICIAL SALE OF LANDS IN THE STEWARTRY OF KIRKCUDBRIGHT.

### BY ADJOURNMENT.

#### And Upset Price Reduced.

TO be SOLD, within the Parliament or New Session House of Edinburgh, on Friday the 27th January 1786, between the hours of five and seven in the afternoon.

The two following LOTS remaining unfold of the Lands and others that belonged to the deceased William Rorison of Ardoch, and Lieutenant Robert Rorison his son, viz.

LOT I. The Lands of ARDOCH, and Upper and Nether Barlaes, with the teinds thereof, lying in the parish of Dalry, and stewartry of Kirkcudbright.

The proven rental thereof, after all deductions, is L. 107 12 7-12ths Sterling; And the proven value, at 23 years purchase of that rent, is 2475l. 10s. 8d. 4-12ths. But by authority of the Lords, the upset price of this lot is reduced to 2337l. 18s. 0d. 8-12ths. Sterling.

These lands hold blench of the Crown, and are valued in the cess-books of the stewartry, at 250l. Scots.

They are mostly all good arable or pasture grounds. The mansion-house of Ardoch is beautifully situated on a small lake. The lands are ornamented and sheltered with old natural wood and planting; and, in the lands of Barlaes, there are plenty of peats for firing, an article scarce and valuable in that part of the country.

The timber growing on the lands of Ardoch is valued by a person of skill, who has carefully examined the same, at 318l. 11s. 4d. and which is not included in the proven value of the lands.

LOT II. The merk land of Ardaroch, half-merk land of Markkaig, the merk land of Culmark, the lands of Bridgemark, Garry-yard, Carniehill, and Blackneuk, with the new mill of Culmark, and the teinds of the said lands, all lying in the said parish of Dalry, and stewartry of Kirkcudbright.

The proven rent of these lands, after all deductions, is 126l. 1s. 7d. 2-12ths Sterling; and the proven value at 23 years purchase of that rent, is 2899l. 16s. 8d. 8-12ths Sterling. But by authority of the Lords, the upset price of this lot is reduced to 2773l. 15s. 1d. 6-12ths.

These lands also hold blench of the Crown, and are valued in the cess-books of the county at 437l. Scots, so that they afford a clear freehold qualification. They are considered to be the best relief pasture lands in that part of the country, and there is a considerable quantity of natural wood and planting on them, also a good corn mill, and a public house at the bridge of Ken.

The lands in both lots and in the neighbourhood abound with a variety of game.

The articles of roup, title-deeds, and plans of the lands, are to be seen in the office of Alexander Stevenson depute-clerk of session; and persons wanting further information may apply to Hugh Corrie writer to the signet at Edinburgh, the agent in the sale.

## JUDICIAL SALE OF LANDS IN AYR-SHIRE, BY ADJOURNMENT.

TO be exposed to public roup, under authority of the Court of Session, within the Parliament House, Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 1st of February next, at five o'clock afternoon.

The following LOTS remaining unfold, of the Lands and Estate of PINMORE, lying in the parishes of Colmonnel, Barr, and Girvan, respectively, and county of Ayr.

LOT I.—Containing the Farms of Balbeg and Lamduchty, Laggan-gill, and Heads of M'Lurgiton; the free rent whereof, after all deductions, is proven to be 72l. 9s. 11d. 8-12ths; to be exposed at the reduced upset-price of 1450l. These lands contain about 550 acres, lying very convenient for improvement by lime from Balbeg. Lamduchty is returned to a 40s. land, and Balbeg to a two-merk land of old extent.

LOT III.—Containing the Lands of Pinclunty, and Mill thereof, and Merk Land, alias M'Lurgiton; the free rent whereof, after all deductions, is 45l. 18s. 4d.; to be exposed at the reduced upset-price of 900l. These lands contain near 300 acres; the farm of Pinclunty is very low let; M'Lurgiton is returned to a two-merk, and Pinclunty to a one-merk land.

LOT V.—Crongart and Knockglais; the free proven rent whereof, after all deductions, is 34l. 10s. 6d.; to be exposed at the reduced upset-price of 700l.

The whole of the above lands hold blench of the Prince, excepting Balbeg, which holds feu of the Crown. The teinds of the whole lands are valued, but the teinds of those lands only which lie in Colmonnel parish are saleable.

The title-deeds, rental, and articles of roup, may be seen in the hands of Mr George Kirkpatrick, depute-clerk of Session; for further information apply to Archibald Tod writer to the signet, agent in the sale.

### Lands in the Counties of Peebles and Dumfries.

#### BY ADJOURNMENT.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the New Exchange Coffeehouse, in Edinburgh, upon Monday the 16th day of January next, at five o'clock afternoon.

The Lands of NETHER HORSBRUGH and GABERSTON, lying in the parish of Innerleithan and county of Peebles; and the Lands of ELLIESLAND, lying in the parish of Dunrobin, and county of Dumfries. These lands consist of three exceeding good farms, all holding of the Crown, and each entitling to vote for a member to serve in Parliament. They are under leases to substantial tenants, and must rise very considerably in their rents, particularly the two first, which are let for large grassums, and at low rents. The present rents are, for Nether Horsburgh, 140l. 8s. 5d. 4-12ths; for Gaberston, 166l.; and for Elliesland, 50l.

The tenants will show the lands; and the title-deeds, articles of roup, &c. are to be seen in the hands of John Tait, writer to the signet, Shakespeare's Square, Edinburgh, to whom any person may apply, who wishes to purchase by private bargain.

UPON Tuesday the 10th January next, betwixt the hours of twelve and one mid-day, there is to be SOLD by public roup, on the ground of the lands,

All and Whole the Sixth Part of the Town and Lands of WESTERTOWN of TILLYCOUNTRY, called CAIRN-TOWN, with houses, biggings, yards, parts, and pertinents.

Also, that Piece of LAND in the haugh of Wester Tillycountry, as marked off, consisting of five acres or thereby. Also, all and whole that part of Land called BUTTS and WET FURROWS, lying in the crofts of Wester Tillycountry, measuring two acres one rood fourteen falls, deducting fifteen falls taken off the north end of the Butts for a road. Also, that Piece of Ground in said croft, called SWAMPY MEADOW, measuring one acre, eight falls. Also, all and whole one just and equal third part pro indiviso of the late Charles Barclay Mahland's Run-rigg Lands, on the south side of the town of Wester Tillycountry, and on the east side of the burn thereof. Also, the six falls of GROUND, marked off from the head of the said Butts; all as presently possessed by James Drysdale.

For further particulars, or those inclining to make a private bargain may apply to John Campbell, writer in Stirling.

To be SOLD by public roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Thursday the 15th of December 1785, between the hours of five and six afternoon.

## ALL and Whole the Four Merk Lands of LERGNAHUNSEON,

with the Feu-Duties of all and whole the One Merk Land of BALLIE, and Changehouse of the same; as also, all and whole the Lands of CALLIGALTRO, extending to a four merk land of old extent; all lying in the district of Killballe, barony of Tarbert, and sheriffdom of Argyle, and comprehending the lands of Conay and Auchanaird.

These lands are finely situated upon the western ocean, and contain extensive tracks of ground, capable of improvement at an easy rate, having sea ware and shell marle upon the shores in great abundance. There is also wood upon most of the farms. The wood upon Auchanaird, in particular, if preserved with care, will be very valuable.

The present rent is upwards of 230l. Sterling, over and above the public burdens; and at the end of the current leases, some of which expire in three years time, a considerable rise may be expected. They are finely situated for the fisheries, and well adapted for setting down a Gentleman's house upon them.

They are held feu of his Grace the Duke of Argyle; and if not sold together, will be afterwards exposed in different lots.

The rental, progress of writs, and articles of roup, are to be seen in the hands of John M'Nab writer to the signet; and persons inclining to purchase by private bargain may apply to him, or to Captain Stewart at Woodside, near Tarbert, or Archibald Campbell, Esq; of Knockbowie, near Inverary, who will all inform as to further particulars.

## Sale of Lands in Dumfriesshire.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the Old Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Friday the 3d of February 1786, between the hours of five and six afternoon.

THE LANDS of CRAIGIEBURN, with the Maltures and Pertinents, lying within the parish of Moffat and sheriffdom of Dumfriesshire. These lands hold of the Crown; the yearly rent, after payment of the stipend, is 74l. 15s. 8d. and part of them is subject by the present tenant at an advanced rent of 15l. The teinds are valued.

The situation of these lands is remarkably beautiful, within two miles of Moffat. There is easy access to the adjoining country and market towns by very good roads. The lands are extensive, and well known to be the best pasture and arable grounds in that country; are completely inclosed and subdivided with sufficient stone dykes, have good farm houses, and plenty of fuel. The mansion house lies in a most romantic situation, and adjacent to it there is a quantity of valuable full-grown wood, estimated at 120l. The natural woods are of very great extent, stretching about two miles along the water of Moffat. Above ten years ago they were sold for 1300l. Sterling, have since been inclosed mostly with a stone dyke, and the vacancies planted with many thousands of young trees at a great expence. The young wood is far advanced, and has a most beautiful and flourishing appearance. There is an inexhaustible growth of the finest hazel and other underwood, fit for hoops, &c. for which there is a constant demand. Before the wood was cut, the yearly produce was betwixt 30l. and 40l.; but as it is now inclosed, and properly taken care of, much more may be expected. Competent judges are of opinion, that in the space of a few years the woods will be more valuable than the lands.

For the encouragement of offerers, the upset price will be only 2000l. and great part of the price will be allowed to remain in the purchaser's hands.

Any person wishing to purchase privately may apply to John Tait junior, writer to the signet, who has power to treat, will show the title-deeds and current leases, and inform concerning other particulars. The wood forester will show the lands and woods.

### BY ADJOURNMENT.

TO be SOLD by public roup or auction, within the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 15th day of February 1786, betwixt the hours of six and seven afternoon.

THE LANDS and Barony of BANNOCKBURN, with the Coal, and Mills, and the Harbour, and Coalfields at Fallinpow, lying in the parish of St Ninians, and shire of Stirling, within three miles of the town of Stirling, upon the great roads leading from Stirling to Edinburgh, and to Glasgow.

These lands consist, conform to a plan, of 796 Scots acres of property, and 264 acres leased out to different persons; all holding of the Crown, are rated in the land-tax books at 1219l. 11s. 8d. Scots; and the purchaser will have right to the tithes.

The nett rent of the land estate (exclusive of the coal) for crop 1783, was 762l. 7s. Sterling, including therein the price of 20 bolls malt, and 54 bolls oat meal, at 16s. per boll.

There is a large Mansion-house with suitable offices. Also a large garden and orchard, and a pigeon-house on the premises, and a salmon fishing at Fallinpow, none of which are included in the rent-roll. There is also a great number of fine full grown timber trees, consisting of oak, ash, beech, and elm, &c. of considerable value; with several young plantations of various kinds of wood, very thriving.

The lands are generally inclosed and subdivided, partly with stone dykes, and partly with thriving hedges. From their situation in a populous country, where extensive manufactures are carried on, and where coal, and all the articles of living are cheap; and from their vicinity to lime, and good roads, they are capable of great improvements, and increase of rent. Some farms are now open, which will rise; and when the other leases which are current expire, a few years hence, a considerable advance may be depended on over the whole estate; and great advantage may be derived from leasing, and from erecting mills on the water of Bannockburn.

There is a valuable field of marle upon the estate, to which a level is carried up. Also two yearly fairs, and a weekly market.

The coal of Bannockburn is extensive, consisting of different seams, level free, and is well known to be of the best quality, and of great value. It has for years past yielded a nett profit, after defraying oncoast and all expences, of about 1500l. per annum, as will appear from the coal books, and it may be wrought to a much greater extent if the proprietor inclines. For, besides the demand from the town of Stirling and the country around, there is a harbour and fold and other conveniences at Fallinpow, on the Frith of Forth, belonging to the estate, where a sea sale may be carried on to a great advantage.

A purchase in itself more complete, of better and more convenient situation for intercourse with Edinburgh, Glasgow, Stirling, and the Frith of Forth, &c. and capable of higher improvement, rarely occurs in the market.

For the encouragement of bidders this estate will be exposed at 30000l. The tacks, rent-roll, plan, progress of writs, and conditions of sale, are to be seen in the hands of John Moir writer to the signet; and for further particulars application may be made to him, or to John Dundas writer to the signet, or John McKillop writer in Stirling, or to Alexander Farquharson accountant in Edinburgh, who has power to sell by private bargain. William Thomson overseer of the coal at Bannockburn will show the estate, and the coal books.